



KENTUCKY

# Employee Connection

News for the state government workforce

## Special: Public Service Recognition Week

October 2015

### Top headlines

#### Oct. 4 - 10 is Public Service Recognition Week!



Governor Beshear has declared this [Public Service Recognition Week](#) in honor of the men and women who serve as federal, state, county and local government employees. Recognize a public servant for the good work they do! [Here](#)

are a few.

#### Governor's Ambassador Awards presented

Some of Kentucky's most generous public employees were honored today with the presentation of the seventh-annual Governor's Ambassador Awards. Mark Cummins, Department of Juvenile Justice, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, center, is pictured with Personnel Cabinet Secretary Dinah Bevington and First Lady Jane Beshear. Cummins received the leadership award. [See photos and read about Cummins and all the recipients.](#)



#### Commonwealth's adoption benefit ranked first in the country

Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption recognizes top adoption-friendly employers. [Read about it here.](#)

#### 15-Day Dash gets us moving

### Employee recognition

Kentucky Chapter of IPMA recognized



For the second consecutive year, the International Public Managers Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR) Kentucky Chapter has received the Chapter Award of Excellence. [Learn more.](#)

#### Department of Corrections presents annual awards

The Kentucky Department of Corrections recently honored employees across the state at its annual Corrections Awards Luncheon held Sept. 9 in Louisville.

Don Bottom, the warden at Northpoint Training Center (NTC) in Burgin, was named "Warden of the Year." [Read more.](#)

Division of Air Quality director elected as VP of national group

More than 11,000 health plan members participated in the 15-Day Dash step challenge Sept. 15-30. Meet some of the dashers and the motivated winners!



### Open Enrollment is almost here

The Department of Employee Insurance and the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) will be conducting Open Enrollment, October 12 – 26, 2015. Benefit fairs are now being held throughout the state. [Find out about it here.](#)

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### Things to do

#### Save the date! Governor's Equal Employment Opportunity conference

The annual Governor's EEO Conference will be held Nov. 18. This conference is the main opportunity for continuing education for EEO and HR professionals in state government. Workshop topics include issues concerning equal employment opportunity, diversity, affirmative action, employee relations, leadership development and HR best practices. [Learn more.](#)

#### Governor declares October Cyber Security Awareness Month

Governor Steve Beshear has declared October as Cyber Security Awareness Month in Kentucky. [Learn more here.](#)

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### Money matters

#### Deferred Comp: Still time to contribute more in 2015

As 2015 comes to a close and the new year approaches, you still have time to take full advantage of the annual deferral contribution limits and shelter more dollars from state and federal income taxes. [Learn more here.](#)



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### Go green

#### Beshear proclaims October Energy Awareness Month

"One of the best ways to strengthen our future is through education," said Gov. Beshear. "During the



Division for Air Quality director Sean Alteri has been elected to serve as vice-president of the Association of

Control Agencies. [Read about his role.](#)

#### Waddle receives achievement award

Retiring Kentucky State Highway Engineer Steve Waddle has been awarded the 2015 Alfred E. Johnson Achievement

Award by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. [Read about it.](#)



#### Marissa Dove: Finding greater meaning

The Labor Cabinet's Marissa Dove and her husband, Chris, traveled more than 7,500 miles to Uganda to adopt a child this year. [Read about their experience here.](#)



month of October, I encourage you to take advantage of the many resources provided by our Energy and Environment Cabinet to learn how you can use energy more wisely and more efficiently." [Read more.](#)

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### Enhance your health

When something goes wrong how well do you bounce back? When you have resilience, you harness inner strengths and rebound more quickly from a setback or challenge. Sign up for the [Kentucky Employee Assistance Program](#) webinar on building resilience.



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